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PATENT APPLICATION  
10/639,053

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Arghya T. Mukherjee et al.  
Serial No.: 10/639,053  
Filed: August 11, 2003  
Group No.: 2137  
Examiner: Minh Dieu T. Nguyen  
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Confirmation No.: 6724  
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR OPTIMIZING  
AUTHENTICATION IN A NETWORK ENVIRONMENT

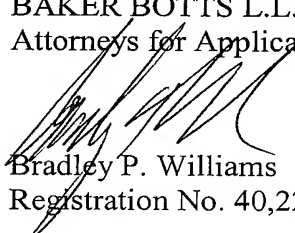
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 1-22. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.104, Applicants respectfully issue a statement commenting on the Examiner's reasons for allowance. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's reasons for allowance to the extent that they are inconsistent with applicable case law, statutes, and regulations. Furthermore, Applicants do not admit to any characterization or limitation of the claims or to any characterization of a reference by the Examiner, particularly any that are inconsistent with the language of the claims considered in their entirety and including all of their constituent limitations.

Respectfully submitted,  
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